(d) While deciding the allotment, requisitions received are considered taking into account factors like status of passenger, nature of urgency e.g. bereavement in the family, sickness, job interview, etc.

Parking facility at Tughlakabad station

†3783. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that parking facility at Tughlakabad railway station in Delhi has been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when it would be restored;

(c) whether Government is aware that illegal parking is done there in the premises built for Government accommodation and arbitrary parking fees is charged from passengers; and

(d) if so, the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The facility could not be continued due to low earnings and repeated no response for the tender. The process for awarding tender afresh has been initiated and restoration of the facility would be incumbent on the response to it.

(c) and (d) No complaints in this regard has been received so far. However, surprise checks are being conducted and suitable action will be taken against persons found guilty.

Extortion of money in collusion with RPF staff at New Delhi station

3784. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether she is aware of extortion of money in collusion with RPF staff at New Delhi railway station before departure of trains from workers/labourers , who catch trains for Bihar, Bengal and Assam;

(b) if so, whether there is any action/inquiry conducted at New Delhi railway station by Government; and

(c) if not, whether Government has any plan to look into the matter in near future to ensure the protection of these workers whose hard earned money is getting snatched by the anti-social elements at the New Delhi railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No such case involving RPF staff has been reported.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The following measures are being taken to prevent such incidents:-

(i) Surprise checks are being conducted by supervisory officers and senior officers.

(ii) Queues are made for passengers boarding in General Compartments of trains going towards Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Uttar Pradesh.

(iii) Surveillance is made through CCTV.

(iv) Co-ordination with GRP is maintained and such issues are discussed during co-ordination meetings.

Modernization of stations in backward and rural areas

3785. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the modernization of railway stations particularly in backward and rural areas in the country during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;

(b) the funds allocated for these projects;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred on these projects; and

(d) the target set for the modernization work of railway stations where the work is in progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Modernisation of railway stations is done under Plan Head-Passenger Amenities. Zone-wise details of allocation of funds and expenditure for the last 3 years *i.e.* 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 and proposed allocation for the current year *i.e.* 2009-10 under plan head – Passenger Amenities are given in the Statement (*See* below). Stations are identified for modernization on need basis irrespective of whether it is in backward or rural area. As such, details are not maintained on backward and rural area basis.

Modernization work at railway stations, wherever in progress, is planned for completion by March, 2010.